## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

Kevin Turner and Shawn Wooden, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

V.

National Football League and NFL Properties, LLC, successor-in-interest to NFL Properties, Inc.,

Defendants.

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL ACTIONS

No. 2:12-md-02323-AB MDL No. 2323

Civil Action No. 2:14-cv-00029-AB

## **DECLARATION OF SEAN MOREY**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, Sean Morey declares as follows:

- 1. I have ten credited seasons playing in the NFL, as a wide receiver and as a member of the special teams.
- 2. I began my NFL career in 1999 with the New England Patriots. I played for the Philadelphia Eagles in 2002, and throughout the 2003 NFL season. I played for the three seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2004, 2005 & 2006. I played the final three seasons of my NFL career with the Arizona Cardinals from 2007 until 2009. I retired in 2010.
- 3. I am also a veteran of NFL Europe. In 2000, the Patriots allocated me to the Barcelona Dragons where I played wide receiver and on special teams. I returned to the Dragons

for the 2001 season, allocated again by the New England Patriots to play defensive back and special teams. I was then allocated to the Barcelona Dragons by the Philadelphia Eagles in 2003, where I played my third and final season in NFL Europe.

- 4. During training camp for and throughout the three seasons that I played in NFL Europe, I suffered repeated head trauma.
- 5. The NFL Europe season lasted ten games with one additional championship game. Additionally, all teams would have live scrimmages during training camp in Florida, which lasted approximately two weeks before traveling to Europe for the season. In addition, some NFL Europe teams held "full contact" practices during the week throughout the season.
- 6. NFL Europe games were largely the same as NFL games played here in the United States. The field dimensions, duration of game, and principal rules were largely the same as those in the NFL. Unlike the NFL, however, NFL Europe restricted overload blitzes; as defenses were restricted in the number of rushers to a particular side. The rule sought to simplify protection schemes and protect quarterbacks. Otherwise, the rules governing contact were largely the same as those in the NFL.
- 7. The NFL Europe season did not overlap with the NFL season. Thus, some players played a full season in NFL Europe, went directly into NFL Training Camps, and played an entire season in the NFL in a single year. In 2003, for example, I played 33 games total: 10 games with the Dragons in NFL Europe and 23 games with the Eagles in the NFL (4 preseason games, 16 regular season games, and 3 playoff games).
- 8. NFL Europe was not equipped to provide the level of medical care necessary for injured football players. I found it difficult to communicate with the foreign doctors, who often did not speak English, and the athletic trainers were ill-equipped and often inexperienced. NFL

Europe did not have a neurological expert on the sideline and did not implement any concussion protocol.

9. I am aware that, from time to time, players playing in NFL Europe were flown to Health South in Birmingham, Alabama for medical care as a result of those players not being able to receive appropriate care in Europe, as well as for rehabilitation.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: October 6, 2014

Sean Morey